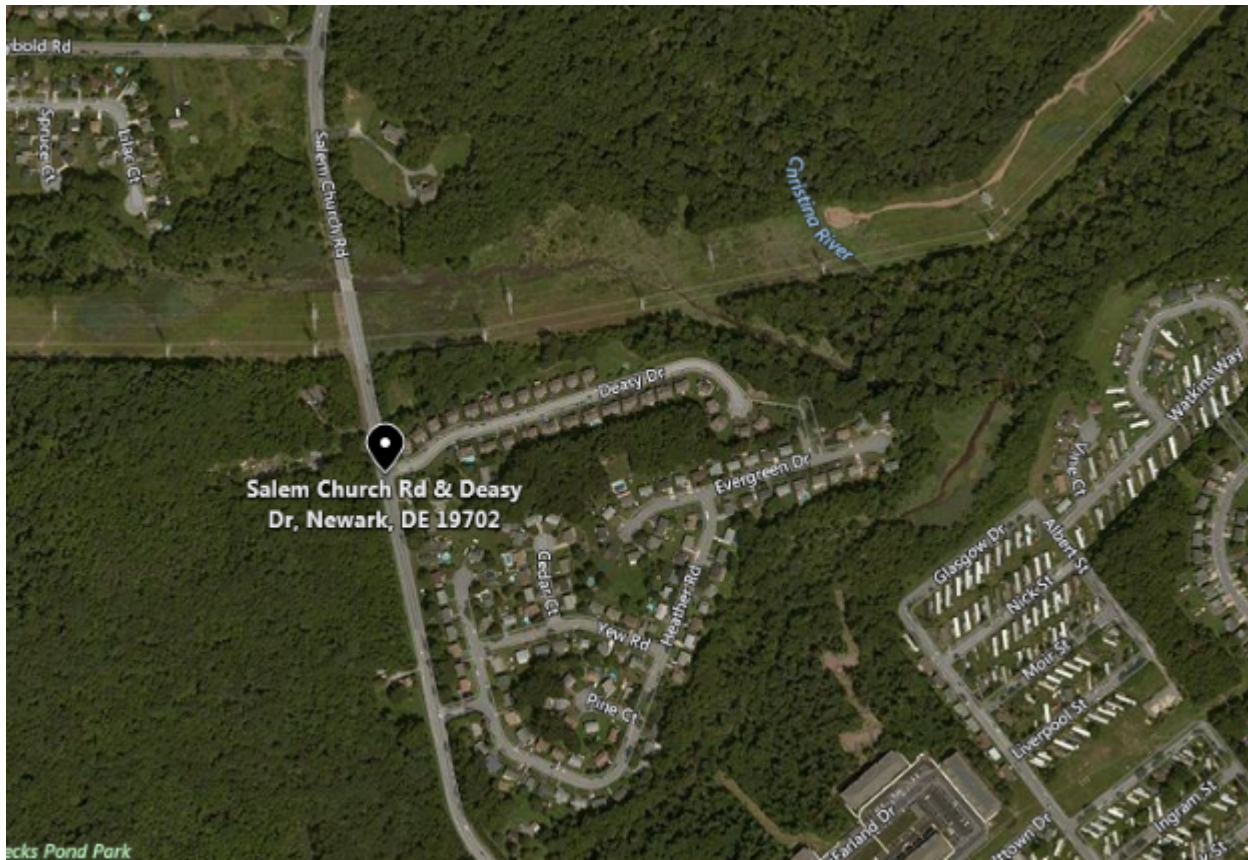


Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Newark



Newark (19702)- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred last evening in the Newark area.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:34 p.m., on Saturday, August 18, 2018, when a 2013 Toyota Camry was traveling northbound on Salem Church Road, north of Deasy Drive, and a 2018 Ford F-150 was traveling southbound on Salem Church Road.

The operator of the Ford F-150, a 39-year-old man from Bear, attempted to pass a vehicle that was directly in front of him. The area in which he was attempting to pass the vehicle was a no passing zone, and marked with two solid yellow lines. The F-150 crossed over the center lines and into oncoming traffic, striking the Camry head-on.

The impact displaced the Camry into a ditch and it overturned on the driver's side trapping two of the three occupants. The driver, a 31-year-old Newark man, was properly restrained, and transported to the Christiana Hospital in serious condition. His two passengers, his father 57-years old and his mother 52-years old were seated in the back seat, unrestrained. Both were transported to the Christiana Hospital, where the 57-year-old male was pronounced deceased, and the 52-year-old female was in critical condition. Identification is pending next of kin notification.

The operator of the F-150 was properly restrained and transported to the Christiana Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. In addition to disregarding the traffic control device (lane markings), it is suspected that alcohol may also be a contributing factor.

Salem Church Road in the vicinity of Deasy Drive was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

This crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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